

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-25214-2023

Date of decision: 08.11.2023

SUKHMEET SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

PSPCL AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. G.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.P.S. Bara, Advocate
for respondent-PSPCL.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the order dated 14.06.2023 (Annexure P-5) whereby the appeal filed by the petitioner has been dismissed by the Lokpal (Ombudsman) Electricity Punjab for want of 40% deposit required to be made in terms of Regulation 3.18 (iii) of the PSERC (Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2016.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that he is ready and willing to deposit the 40% of the pre-deposit in terms of the said Regulation and that the order passed by the Ombudsman may be set aside and the Ombudsman may be directed to decide the appeal on merits thereof.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.P.S. Bara, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent-

PSPCL accepts notice on behalf of respondents-PSPCL.

Counsel for the respondents-PSPCL on instructions from Er. Amrinder Singh has no objection to the same.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of with the consent of the parties and without commenting on the merits thereof with liberty to the petitioner to deposit the 40% amount as mandated under Regulation 3.18 (iii) of the PSERC (Forum & Ombudsman), Regulation, 2016. In the event of the abovesaid deposit, the Electricity Ombudsman shall hear and decide the appeal afresh after granting an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 08, 2023

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No